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1. FOLLOW- UP COVERAGE OF US TRADE BILL BEYOND THAT REPORTED REFTEL HAS BEEN LIGHT, WITH THE GERMAN PRESS DEVOTING MUCH OF ITS ECONOMIC REPORTING TO ASPECTS OF THE SPD CONVENTION AND THE EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' MEETING. MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THE "HANDELSBLATT" EDITORIAL ENTITLED "NIXON'S SUPER COMPROMISE."

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2. THIS EDITORIAL HAILS THE TRADE BILL AS A DOCUMENT WHICH MIGHT BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE 1970 S BY LEADING TO A DISMANTLING OF TRADE BARRIERS, PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE AND IN THE FIELD OF NTBS. ALTHOUGH THE BILL TRIES TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH PROTECTIONISM AND LIBERALISM, THE BILL NEVERTHELESS APPEARS LIBERAL AND OUTWARD- LOOKING ON THE WHOLE.

3. THE EDITORIAL POINTS TO THE EMPHASIS GIVEN IN THE BILL TO A REFORM OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE " FAIRNESS" AND NOTES THAT THERE IS LITTLE REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY. FROM THIS THE WRITER CONCLUDES THAT THE US EXPECTS A " NET PLUS" FOR ITS TRADING INTERESTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE EDITORIAL EMPHASIZES, TOO, THE UNPRECEDENTED POWERS REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND PREDICTS THAT CONGRESS WILL GRANT MOST OF THEM. IT ADDS, " THE WAY THE PRESIDENT USES HIS POWERS WILL DECIDE WHAT COURSE US TRADE POLICY WILL TAKE IN THE COMING YEARS." HILLENBRAND

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